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REMARKS

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because a reference sign mentioned in the description pertaining to “a loop (46)” was not shown in at least one drawing figure. Accordingly, Figure 8 has been amended to properly show the omitted reference sign. A replacement sheet is submitted to comply with 37 CFR § 1.121(d).

Specification

The section “BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION AND ADVANTAGES” of the specification has been amended in accordance with CFR § 1.121(b)(2). The amendment was made in order to accurately reflect changes made in the claims including new independent claims.

As disclosed in greater detail below, paragraphs [0018], [0022], and [0026] of the specification have been amended to accurately reflect changes made in the claims. There is full support in the specification and the drawings for these changes. Accordingly, no new matter has been added to the application as a result of these amendments.

Claims

After entry of the subject Amendment, claims 1, 3-11, 13-27, 29-37 will be pending in the subject application, with claims 1, 3, 13, and 29 being in independent form. Claims 1, 3-6, 11, 13-14, 22, 27, and 29-30 have been amended as described below. Claims 7-10, 15-21, 23-26, and 31-35 remain unchanged and claims 2, 12, and 28 have been cancelled. Claims 36-37 have been added to the application. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of these amendments.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 12, 14, 15, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Heil (U.S. Patent No. 3,111,737). Claims 1, 2, 20, 21, 28, 31, and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Brett (U.S. Patent No. 3,141,216). Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heil in view of Good (U.S. Patent No. 5,604,960). Claim 32 stands rejected under

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IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached Replacement Sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 8. In particular, a reference sign for “a loop (46)” has been added. This sheet, which includes Figures 6-8, replaces the original sheet including Figures 6-8.

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35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brett in view of Good. Claims 3, 6-11, 13, 18, 19, 22-27, 29, 30, 34, and 35 are allowed if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of various dependent claims. In accordance with this allowance, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowed claims 6 and 22 as well as intervening claims. To consolidate claims 6 and 22 into amended claim 1, Applicant has introduced the terms “first apertures” and “second apertures” to reflect the reversible orientation of the magnetic assembly. Specifically, the first portion of the magnetic assembly includes at least two first apertures and is connected to the first flap with a first thread and the second portion includes at least two second apertures and is connected to the second flap with a second thread. For example, the magnet may be attached to the first flap while the magnetic element is attached to the second flap, or vice-versa. Therefore, when the magnet is attached to the first flap and the magnetic element is attached to the second flap, the first apertures are the magnet apertures and the second apertures are the magnetic element apertures. Claims 4-6, 11, 22, and 27 have been amended to reflect the changes to claim 1, which they are dependent on, either directly or indirectly. Thus, it respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Furthermore, claims 4-11, 15-27, and 31-35 are dependent on claim 1, such that they are also in condition for allowance.

Allowed claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form. Specifically, claim 3 has been amended to include the limitations of original independent claim 1 and intervening dependent claim 2. Claims 36 and 37 are new claims that are dependent on claim 3. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 3, 36 and 37 are in condition for allowance.

Also, allowed claim 13 has been rewritten in independent form. Specifically, claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of original independent claim 1 and intervening claims 4, 5, and 12. Claim 14 has been amended to be dependent on claim 13. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 13 and 14 are now in condition for allowance.



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Further, allowed claim 29 has been rewritten in independent form. Specifically, claim 29 has been amended to include the limitations of original independent claim 1 and intervening claims 20, 21, and 28. Claim 30 has been amended to be dependent on claim 29. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 29 and 30 are now in condition for allowance.

In summary, is respectfully submitted that the application, as amended, is now presented in condition for allowance. The fee required under 37 CFR 1.16 for additional claims is enclosed. Applicant believes that no other fees are due; however, if any become required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2789.

Respectfully submitted

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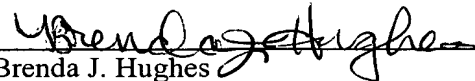
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